

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Government has no proposal to set up a civil airport at Karwar.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A new runway has been constructed at Mangalore airport for operation of AB-310 type of aircrafts. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has planned for construction of Integrated Terminal building at Mangalore airport for handling 500 passengers at a time. A greenfield airport at Devanhalli near Bangalore is already under construction and is expected to be commissioned in April 2008.

Referring of IA to BIFR

2121. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines is going to be referred to BIFR;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the profit earned by Indian Airlines for the last three financial years has been taken into consideration before referring the company to BIFR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Financial performance of Alliance Air/I.A.

2122. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of profit earned by Indian Airlines during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96, year-wise;

(b) whether Alliance Air, subsidiary of Indian Airlines submits separate balance sheet;

(c) if so, how much profit has been earned by Alliance Air during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96, year-wise; and

(d) whether there is any bearing upon profit and loss of Indian Airlines on account of profit and loss of Alliance Air?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Indian Airlines did not earn any profit during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise since Alliance Air started its operation from 1996-97 onwards.

Guidelines for operation of small aircrafts

2123. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated Route Dispersal Guidelines for operating small aircrafts/helicopters in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would introduce helicopter service between places of tourist/pilgrims interest in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines for Scheduled Air Transport Passenger service operators with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. As per Route Dispersal Guidelines all operators are required to deploy in Category II routes atleast 10% of the capacity deployed by them on routes in Category-I and of the capacity thus required to be deployed on Category II routes, at least 10% would be deployed on services or segments thereof operated exclusively within the North-Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep. The operator is also required to deploy in Category-III, at elast 50% of the capacity deployed on routes in category-I. Keeping in view the frequent